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EVkids Horizons

Fall 2021

Tutoring is expanding

Sites make use of virtual and in-person options

The growth of EVkids's impact would not be possible without your support. That has especially been true over the past year. Last year, your support helped EVkids transition to virtual Tutoring across 4 sites. Staff ensured that each of the 97 returning tutees had a 1-on-1 tutor for virtual Tutoring, and stayed in regular contact with families and teachers to give their students the specific support they needed.

This year three Tutoring

sites -- St. Christopher, Dewitt Center, and Mother Caroline Academy -- all reopened for in-person Tutoring sessions in early October. Dozens of tutors and tutees at each site will work on homework at the same table and play board games during game time for the first time in over a year.

The Harbor Point site is continuing with virtual programming this fall, and EVkids will open a new permanent virtual Tutoring site for tutor-tutee pairs who can no longer continue at

their previous site or don't feel comfortable coming to in-person Tutoring.

Besides launching a new virtual site and supporting Tutoring pairs reuniting face to face, EVkids will return to the planned expansion of the Tutoring Program, which was paused last school year. The Dewitt and Mother Caroline Tutoring sites will each expand the number of Tutoring pairs served. All told, the Tutoring Program will serve 130 1-on-1 pairs this school year!



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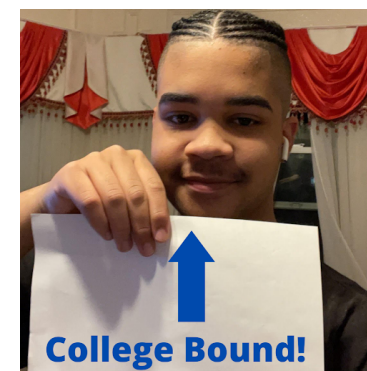
- Check in with the senior class

Big strides on the road to success

Two College Success Project students start college with scholarships

Starting in high school and ramping up in 11th grade, EVkids tutees begin working through the daunting college admissions process with help from the EVkids College Success Project. Support is personalized, with students going on college tours, working on admissions essays, and getting help searching for and applying to scholarships. Here are two big wins earned by EVkids 2021 graduates Erwin and Kain!

Erwin (UMass Amherst '25) won the Bottom Line Coach Scholarship award for \$5,000. Bottom Line, which partners with the EVkids College Success Project, helps students with the nuts and bolts of getting to and through college.



This scholarship closes the gap between Erwin's financial aid package and the full cost of college -- so Erwin will finish his first year of college debt free!



Kain (MCPHS '25) was awarded the highly selective Yawkey Scholarship, which provides \$35,000 a year for four years for tuition, fees, and other educational expenses for first-generation college students in Massachusetts. Kain is a

medical and molecular biology major at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and plans to become a pharmacist.

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EVkids seniors leap into their final year of high school

These seniors are excited to start their final school year in-person! With the help of the College Success Project and their tutors, these tutees are finishing their school careers strong and already working on their post-graduation plans.

Derya: Future Pharmacist



Derya is a senior at John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science, where her favorite subject is English. She has been a tutee for six years and paired with current tutor CeCe Jotte (BC '22) for the last two years. Derya plans to study biology in college to become a pharmacist.

Roshna: Future Surgeon



Roshna has been an EVkids tutee since she was in 7th grade, the second in her family to join the program. She enjoys learning new study strategies from her tutor of three years, Nam Kim (Harvard '21). Roshna is a senior at Boston Latin Academy. She plans to study biology in college on her way to becoming a pediatric surgeon.

Dilnaz: Future Doctor



Dilnaz has been an EVkids tutee since 6th grade. She is in her final year at John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science. She bonded with her current tutor Emily Jane Waechter (BC '22) by sharing dreams for the future. Dilnaz dreams of becoming a doctor. She plans to study biology on a pre-med track in college.

Lariluz: Future Health Care Worker



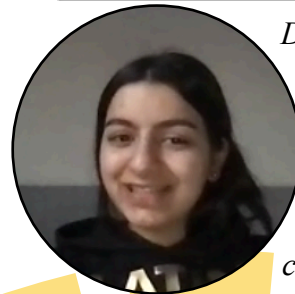
This is Lariluz's fourth year with EVkids. Along with her sister, she is a senior at Boston Community Leadership Academy. Lariluz is glad to have started her senior year in person so she can spend more time with friends before graduation. She plans to go into health services after high school.

Larisol: Future Teacher



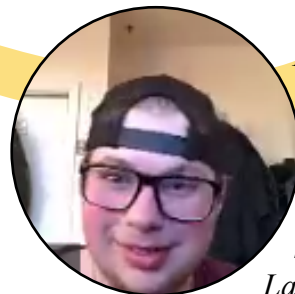
Larisol is a senior at Boston Community Leadership Academy. This math and biology wiz is in her fourth year in Tutoring. After high school, Larisol wants to study elementary education and fulfill her dreams of becoming a teacher.

Dhoha: Future Medical Professional



Dhoha will graduate from Boston Latin Academy this spring. Through her six years at EVkids, she has grown into a dedicated student, making an effort to connect individually with her teachers even through virtual school. Dhoha wants to be a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner and plans to study biology in college.

Michael: Future Engineer



Michael is in his final year at Boston Day & Evening. He attributes much of his academic success to the support of his current tutor Joe LaRocca (Williams '22). Michael is excited to finish high school strong, and to go on to become a mechanical engineer.

Report from Camp 2021

Greetings from Vermont!

EVkids Camp was back in the Green Mountains of Vermont this summer. After a school year of online classes and social distancing, campers connected in person with old and new friends, sang some classic Camp songs, and took a break from looking at screens to enjoy all the fresh air in Vermont. The only screen these campers needed was sunscreen!



Leaders in Training hiked Vermont's second-highest peak, Camel's Hump, this summer. The group celebrated their achievement with a trip to nearby Ben and Jerry's afterward.



Campers swam nearly every day at Blueberry Lake, named after the blueberry patch just off shore. Everyone had fun picking berries for an after-swimming snack and to bake blueberry scones!



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